



Improving America's High Schools

2008 Project Directors Meeting
Smaller Learning Communities Program

AGENDA

August 14-15, 2008
Key Bridge Marriott
Arlington, VA

This meeting is designed to provide Smaller Learning Communities Program (SLCP) grant project directors and others involved in the SLCP grant activities with strategies and knowledge to implement their proposed activities including:

- Understanding their role in implementing and managing their SLCP grant
- Facilitating the development of structural reforms that impact instructional strategies
- Identifying, prioritizing and informing their school staffs' professional development needs
- Supporting the implementation of evidence-based and promising classroom teaching and learning strategies

Wednesday, August 13, 2008 - 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

6:30 – 8:00 Early Registration *Potomac Ballroom Foyer*

Thursday, August 14, 2008 - 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

7:00 – 9:30 Registration
Continental Breakfast *Potomac Ballroom Foyer*

8:00 – 10:30 **General Session One** *Potomac Ballroom*

Welcome and Introductions
Braden Goetz, Group Leader, High School Programs

Panel: Making Effective Use of Resources to Implement Your SLCP Grant Project
Moderator: Theda Zawaiza, U.S. Department of Education

- *Brian Laubach, Lakes High School, Washington*
- *John Newlin, Maine School Administrative District #60, Maine*
- *Nadar Twal, Long Beach Unified School District, California*

10:30 Break

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10:45 – 12:00

General Session Two

Potomac Ballroom

Grants Administration

Braden Goetz, Group Leader, High School Programs

Beth Baggett, Inas El-Sabban, Francisco Ramirez, and

Patricia Searles, ED Program Officers

12:00 – 12:10

Orientation to Roundtables

12:10 – 1:10

Lunch

Potomac Ballroom

Roundtable Sign Ups

1:10 – 2:20

General Session Three

Potomac Ballroom

Grant Reporting and Continuation Guidance:

- Annual Performance Report
- Continuation Grant Process and Guidance

Braden Goetz, Group Leader, High School Programs

Angela Hernandez-Marshall, Team Leader, Smaller Learning Communities Program

2:20

Roundtable Discussion Guidance/ RT Locations

2:30 – 2:45

Break

Transition to Roundtables

2:45 – 5:00

General Session Four

Potomac Ballroom

Roundtable Discussions

Locations listed on separate sheet

2:45 – 3:25 Roundtable #1

3:25 – 3:35 Transition

3:35 – 4:15 Roundtable #2

4:15 – 4:25 Transition

4:25 – 5:00 Roundtable #3

5:00 PM

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Friday, August 15, 2008 - 8:00 AM – 3:30 PM

8:00 – 10:00

General Session Five

Potomac Ballroom

Welcome and Day Overview

Braden Goetz, Group Leader, High School Programs

Panel: The Ninth Grade Year: Building the Foundation for Student Success in High School and Beyond

Moderator: Joan Shaughnessy, NWREL, Oregon

- *Ed Spikes, Chicago Public Schools, Illinois*
- *Elaine Allensworth, Consortium on Chicago School Research, Illinois*

10:00 – 10:15

Break

10:15 – 10:50

General Session Six

Potomac Ballroom

Preparation for SLCP Fall Institutes

Angela Hernandez-Marshall, Team Leader, Smaller Learning Communities Program

Joan Shaughnessy, NWREL, Oregon

10:50 – 11:00

Break

Transition to regional groups

11:00 – 12:00

Regional Roundup

Locations listed on separate sheet

12:00 – 2:00

General Session Seven

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Lunch

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Beth Baggett, SLCP Grant Program Officer

Panel: Making Students' College Aspirations a Reality: Instituting Critical Elements of a College-Going Culture

Moderator: Jennifer Lerner, American Youth Policy Forum, Washington, DC

- *Jenny Nagaoka, Consortium on Chicago School Research, Illinois*
- *Charlene Jordan, New York City Department of Education, New York*

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2:00 – 2:10

Final announcements

Evaluation

Transition to time with program officers

2:10 – 3:30

Project Director's time with individual program officers